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House Bill 1345

By: Representative Peake of the 137<sup>th</sup>

## A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

- 1 To amend Part 4 of Article 6 of Chapter 3 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia
- 2 Annotated, relating to the Stone Mountain Memorial Association, so as to clarify that the
- 3 association is exempt from taxation; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting
- laws; and for other purposes. 4

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## BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.** 

- Part 4 of Article 6 of Chapter 3 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, 7
- 8 relating to the Stone Mountain Memorial Association, is amended by revising subsection (a)
- 9 of Code Section 12-3-219, relating to the exemption from taxation of association property,
- 10 activities, income, and bonds, as follows:
- 11 "(a) It is found, determined, and declared that the creation of the association and the
- 12 carrying out of its corporate purposes are in all respects for the benefit of the people of this
- state and that the association is an institution of purely public charity and will be 13
- performing an essential governmental function in the exercise of the power conferred upon 14
- 15 it by this part. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b) of this Code section, this
- state covenants with the holders of the bonds that the association shall be required to pay 16
- no taxes or assessment upon any of the property acquired or leased by it under its 17
- jurisdiction, control, possession, or supervision, or upon its activities in the operation or
- maintenance of the project erected by it, or upon any fees, rental, or other charges for the 20 use of the facilities or services of the project, or upon other income received by the
- 21 association and that the association shall be exempt from all sales and use taxes. Further,
- 22 this state covenants that the bonds of the association, their transfer, and the income
- 23 therefrom shall at all times be exempt from all taxation from within the state."

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## SECTION 2.

- 2 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
- 3 without such approval.

## 4 SECTION 3.

5 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.